

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Smit, Peter Martin  
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**Group Art Unit:** 3753  
**Examiner:** Price, Craig James

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Final Office Action dated April 11, 2008. The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the accompanying remarks. A version of all pending claims and their current status are presented having necessary markings to show any changes made in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

**Amendments to the Claims** – are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2;

**Remarks/Arguments** - begin on page 4 of this paper.